

HYPER Center, and opened in 1980. Al Wheeler was a legend in Nebraska coaching, serving Peru State from the last 1930 through 1965. During that time he had several football teams which achieved national prominence in the small college ranks, and he also took Peru State's basketball team to the national tournament several times. In those days it wasn't unusual to have one coach coach two major sports. Al Wheeler contributed greatly to Peru State with nearly 30 years of service. I believe it would be most fitting to name the building for him. Al died in 1983. The State College Board of Trustees, the Department of Administrative Service and the Governor's Office have all approved this idea. I would ask your support. Reading the resolution, "WHEREAS the Peru State College Health, Physical Education Recreation Building, built in 1979 and '80, does not have an official name; and WHEREAS such an excellent facility should be named after someone who has contributed much to the field of health, physical education and recreation; and WHEREAS Mr. Al Wheeler, former Athletic Director and longtime coach at Peru State College, served the college and the State of Nebraska with honor and dedication during 27 years of coaching at Peru State College before retiring in 1965; and WHEREAS Mr. Al Wheeler was selected as Nebraska Coach of the Year in 1952 by the Omaha World Herald, and in 1961 by the Lincoln Journal and the Star, WHEREAS Mr. Wheeler was inducted into the Helms Athletic Foundation and Football Hall of Fame in 1956, and the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 1983; and WHEREAS on April 26, 1985 the Board of Trustees of the state colleges unanimously approved the naming of the physical,...health, physical education and recreation building at Peru State College after Mr. Al Wheeler; Now, therefore, be it resolved by the members of the Eighty-Ninth Legislature of Nebraska, First Session, that the health, physical education and recreation building at Peru State College be named the Al Wheeler Activity Center in recognition and appreciation of Mr. Wheeler's many years of service, and that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Mr. Wheeler upon its passage." I hope that you can support this resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Cal Carsten, please.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I heartily rise to endorse the resolution and urge you to support it also. Mr. Wheeler was, indeed, one of the outstanding coaches in the history of Nebraska at a